

Appl. No. 10/071,927

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Reply to Office Action of October 2, 2002

Amendment to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract as originally filed with the following re-written Abstract:

-- A shirt collar having a stretchable neckband made of a woven fabric with at least some of the threads on a bias so that in the event the length of the threads shrinks there is only a negligible reduction in the circumferential size of the collar, and the collar is circumferentially stretchable. In one form of the invention the neckband is made of a non-elastomeric material with a plurality of holes in it which elongate when a circumferential force is applied, resulting in elongation of the neckband. In another form, the threads forming the neckband are kinked so that they are resiliently yieldable in a lengthwise direction. The stitching attaching the neckband to the collar and to the shirt body may be applied in a pattern, e.g., zig-zag or skip stitching, that enables the seams to stretch.--

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